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Application of: Matsuyama, et al.

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For: CHAIN-SHORTENED
POLYNUCLEOTIDE AND METHOD FOR
PREPARATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above identified application prior to the examination thereof.

In the Claims:

Amend as follows:

1. (amended) A chain-shortened polynucleotide or salt thereof, comprising phosphodiester bonds, wherein up to about 3 percent of the phosphodiester bonds are 2'-5' phosphodiester bonds.

2. (amended) The chain-shortened polynucleotide or salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide is polyinosinic acid or analogue thereof, polycytidylic acid or analogue thereof, polyadenylic acid or analogue thereof, or polyuridylic acid or analogue thereof.

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